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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 October 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30, 32-38 and 40-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30, 32-38 and 40-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 10/30/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that Suzuki et al. fail to disclose a charge pump capacitor. All capacitors can be considered charge pump. They accumulate charge and release it. Therefore, they are all charge pump capacitors. For purposes of examination the term charge pump is merely a label since the applicant has not further claimed any particular function or meaning for charge pump except that as a label. Labeling the capacitor as a "first" capacitor would do equally well as calling the capacitor a charge pump capacitor.

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., a capacitor in series with a transformer) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Clearly, Suzuki et al. disclose at least two capacitors that are coupled to the switch configuration and that drive one end of the primary transformer (e.g. C1, C2).

Therefore, the applicant's arguments bear no merit and the references cited expressly disclose the claimed invention as stated previously. Thus, the examiner respectfully maintains the rejections and prosecution on the merits is made final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-18, 20, 22, 24-30, 32-36, 41-45, 47, 49, 51 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-18, 20, 22, 24-30, 32-36 and 41-42; Suzuki et al disclose a power converter; the power converter including a charge pump capacitor (e.g. C1, C2 or C3), the charge pump capacitor coupled to a two transistor totem-pole configuration (e.g. SW1, SW2) in the converter so as to drive a primary of an isolation transformer and wherein a parasitic diode is coupled across at least one transistor in the two transistor totem-pole configuration with opposite internal diodes (e.g. figure 3: 71a).

Claims 43-45, 47, 49, 51 and 52 means for converting from an AC voltage to a DC voltage (L_S , C_S , L_M , $D1$, $D2$, C_o , V_o , R_o), at least figure 10; the means for converting including a means for isolation (L_M), the means for isolation including a primary (C_S , L_S) and a secondary ($D1$, $D2$); the means for converting being coupled so that, in operation, AC to DC voltage rectification does not occur on the primary of the means for isolation. Wherein the means for converting includes being coupled to a two transistor totem-pole configuration: and wherein a parasitic diode is coupled across at least one transistor in the two transistor totem-pole configuration (i.e. 71a).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 4, 6, 19, 21, 37, 38, 46 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al. in view of Walsh et al.

Suzuki et al disclose the claimed invention in regards to claims 1, 34 and 43 supra, except for wherein the power converter is incorporated on a motherboard and except for wherein the DC power consuming device comprises at least one of a fax, printer, scanner, and copier.

Motherboards comprising power supplies to provide power to peripheral devices such as printers is very well known in the art as a method of providing power to the components in computer systems. Walsh et al, for example, teach a motherboard comprising a power supply and connected to a fax, printer, scanner, or copier in order to provide an electronic computer system with power management to provide power requirements to peripheral devices such as faxes, printers, scanners or copiers.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the power supply of Huang et al to be integrated on a motherboard and to provide power to a fax, printer, scanner or copier as taught by Walsh et al in order to supply power to the fax, printer, scanner, or copier from a computer system.

6. Claims 8, 23, 40 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Balakrishnan.

Suzuki et al disclose the claimed invention in regards to claims 1, 34 and 43 supra, except for wherein power converter includes an input pi filter.

Balakrishnan teaches that known power supply techniques employ input EMI filter circuits of varying complexity. The simplest form of input EMI filter is known as a pi filter and is used in low-power power supplies to reduce power supply cost (col. 1 lines 25-35).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the power supply of Huang et al to include a pi filter in order to reduce power supply cost as taught by Balakrishnan.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 6,924,991 Skeist et al., figure 5, disclose a charge pump capacitor coupled to a two transistor totem pole configuration in a converter for driving a primary of a transformer with parasitic diodes opposing each other in the configuration; US 6,771,518 Orr et al., figures 15 & 16B, disclose a charge pump capacitor coupled to a two transistor totem pole configuration in a converter for driving a primary of a transformer with parasitic diodes opposing each other in the configuration; US 6,294,900 Greenwood et al., figure 7, disclose a charge pump capacitor coupled to a two transistor totem pole configuration in a converter for driving a primary of a transformer with parasitic diodes opposing each other in the configuration.

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

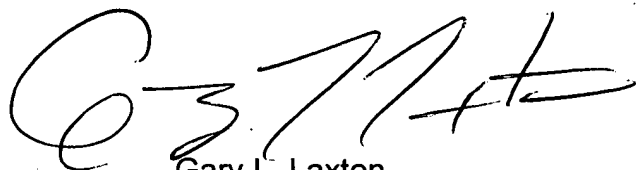
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary L. Laxton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2079. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Karl Easthom can be reached on (571) 272-1989. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Laxton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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